

**Seeking grants to expand Pasty.NET coverage  
2019-2020**

In its 20 years of operation, Pasty.NET has received grant funding on two occasions: first in 2004 for Keweenaw County, then in 2008 for Marquette County. Along with the regular monthly fees received from Pasty.NET members, this has enabled us to build a network capable of 12 x 2 Mbps in most areas. In order to bring all served areas up to 24+ Mbps speeds – and to fill in the gaps of coverage – additional funding is being sought through programs offered by both State and Federal agencies. Would you consider writing a letter of support for this project? The preferred format would be by PDF to support@pasty.net, or by US mail at: 58542 Wolverine Street, Calumet, MI 49913. Here is a sample of such letters already received. Thank you for your support!



Keweenaw County  
County Clerk & Register of Deeds  
Eagle River, Michigan

June 25, 2019

RE: Summer 2019 broadband funding opportunities

To Whom it May Concern:

Since 2001 Pasty.net, Inc. has served the population of Keweenaw County with ever-expanding wireless broadband service. Over the years, Pasty.net users have seen speed and coverage improve with each advance in technology, funded primarily by monthly user fees and private investment.

Pasty.net's 12 x 2 unlimited data service is now available for most of Keweenaw County. At Keweenaw County Courthouse and Sheriff's Office, we see on average 12 x 8 megabit service, but need more bandwidth for more demanding applications. The latest advances in high-speed wireless will require additional investment to complete Pasty.net's planned coverage for 90%+ of the County's population, which should provide the increase in speeds.

Pasty.net has demonstrated a long-term commitment to our area over the past 18 years, employing Keweenaw County residents and cooperating with County and Township government to provide these services. At the regular board meeting held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners voted to unanimously support the efforts of Pasty.net, Inc. to obtain grant funding for their current broadband expansion project.

Respectfully,

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Keweenaw County Clerk

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